



POLICE RECRUIT 2015 GENERAL INFORMATION PACKET



MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Twenty years of age or older at time of filing.
- U.S. High school graduate or G.E.D. equivalency.
- Valid driver's license.
- U.S. Citizenship or have applied for citizenship. Citizenship must be granted within three years of appointment (1031.5 Government Code).
- No felony convictions.
- Ability to make sound decisions, read, comprehend and retain technical training material; endure periods of strenuous physical activity requiring good balance, coordination, flexibility, endurance and strength.
- Possess good observation, writing, communication and human relation skills.
- Be compassionate, culturally sensitive, non-discriminatory to a diverse population.
- Possess good leadership and public service qualities.
- Ability to exercise tact using excellent interpersonal skills, solve problems, and demonstrate good mediation skills during highly confrontational situations.

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS:

Starting Salary: \$30.54 per hour while in the academy

- Full pay while attending the 40 hour per week basic academy
- Comprehensive benefits package
- Retirement:
 - If you were an employee within the CalPERS system, or a reciprocal retirement system, prior to January 1, 2013, and you have not had a break in service of 6 months or more, your CalPERS formula with the City of Long Beach will be 2.0% at 50 rising to 2.7% at 55, upon appointment to the classification of Police Officer.
 - If you were not an employee within the CalPERS system, or a reciprocal retirement system, prior to January 1, 2013, your CalPERS formula with the City of Long Beach will be 2.0% at 50 rising to 2.7% at 57, upon appointment to the classification of Police Officer.
- 4/40 work schedule once graduated from the academy
- Incentives pay for education, wellness, etc. More information on incentive pays using the following link: [Incentives Pays](#)
- Variety of assignments (K-9, SWAT, Motors, Narcotics, etc)
- Excellent promotional opportunities

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS: *Recent college coursework in related fields. Bilingual language ability (Spanish, Khmer, or Tagalog) is desirable for some positions.*

LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT DRUG POLICY

The Long Beach Police Department hiring standard concerning drug usage is as follows:

- **Marijuana** - any use of marijuana in the last **two years** will result in disqualification from the current hiring process. This is not a life time disqualification; just until a two-year period of no marijuana use has passed.
- **Other illegal drug use** (other than marijuana or hard drugs listed below) in the last **three years** will result in disqualification from the current hiring process. This is not a lifetime disqualification; just until a three year period of no illegal drug use has passed.
- Any use of **hallucinogenic drugs (PCP, LSD, mushrooms, etc.)**, illegal intravenous drugs (heroin, methamphetamine, etc.), or **bath-salts** is an automatic disqualification from this process. This is a **lifetime** ban. All other drug use will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and a determination will be made based on the applicant's overall qualifications.

LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY ON TATTOOS, SCARIFICATIONS, AND BRANDS:

Any tattoos, scarifications, or brands worn by uniformed and non-uniformed Department personnel shall NOT be visible while on duty or representing the Department in any official capacity. Any tattoo, scarifications, or brands must be covered with Department approved uniform (including, but not limited to, a long sleeved shirt, jacket, sweater, or pants) or Department approved business or casual attire.

GENERAL INFORMATION: The Police Recruit testing and hiring process will include two (2) phases: 1) Application Packet & Written Examination; 2) Police Review and Selection Process.

CIVIL SERVICE DEPARTMENT TESTING PROCESS - PHASE I

The testing process is conducted by the Civil Service Department. The testing process consists of two parts: 1) a review of your application packet for minimum qualifications and 2) passing the written exam from National Testing Network's (NTN) Entry Level Law Enforcement Test entitled "Frontline National" or submission of POST WAIVER (PELLETB t-score). You must complete both parts of this process or your police recruit application will not be processed.

Applications - Online applications will be available beginning 7:30 a.m., Thursday, December 17, 2015 through Wednesday, January 20, 2016. Candidates are responsible in completing the correct application. Candidates taking the NTN exam, click [HERE](#). Candidates submitting the POST WAIVER (PELLETB t-score), click [HERE](#).

Written Exam - Applicants must take the National Testing Network (NTN) written examination no later than January 17, 2016 in order for the results to be accepted by the application deadline, January 20, 2016. Any scores reported to the City of Long Beach after January 17, 2016 will not be considered for placement on this eligible list. If an applicant has not taken the NTN exam **after** they complete an application, Civil Service staff will provide candidates with specific testing information. The administration of the Police Recruit written examination will be conducted by the National Testing Network (NTN) Law Enforcement Test **entitled "FrontLine National."** Be advised that **FrontLine National** testing must be completed through NTN; completion of the FrontLine National examination is required by all candidates. Be advised that a fee is required to take the FrontLine National examination; limited fee waivers may be available through the City of Long Beach, **on a first come, first served basis. Proof of financial need is required.**

POLICE RECRUIT- POST WAIVER CANDIDATES: The NTN written examination will be waived for candidates who have taken the POST Entry-Level Law Enforcement Test Battery (PELLETB) examination with an approved agency and achieved a T-score of 45 or above within one year of the time of filing (proof required). Applicants submitting the PELLETB examination T-score must complete the application for Police Recruit-POST WAIVER.

If you have any questions regarding the examination process, contact Sheree Valdoria, Personnel Analyst, Civil Service Department, sheree.valdoria@longbeach.gov, (562) 570-6021. **It is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure that emails from the Civil Service Department are not routed to his/her junk or spam folder. Applicants will receive information throughout the application process through email therefore it is very important that the applicant checks his/her email regularly.**

Applicants placed on the Civil Service Eligible List will receive an email communication inviting him/her to attend the Police Recruit Orientation held at the Long Beach Police Academy. This marks the beginning of the evaluation process by the Police Department.

POLICE REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS - PHASE II ORIENTATION & PHYSICAL ABILITY TESTING

The second phase is conducted by the Long Beach Police Department. It begins with a mandatory orientation, which includes a process overview, pre-employment background questionnaire and a Physical Ability Test (PAT).

The PAT requires that the candidate perform the following:

- Run 300 feet; scale a six foot solid wall; negotiate a 16 foot balance beam; run another 300 feet; and drag a 165-pound dummy 50 feet. The entire course must be completed within 2 minutes and 30 seconds.

The PAT is a pass/fail event. Applicants unable to complete the PAT will be provided with an opportunity to retake the test within one week. If the applicant is unable to complete the PAT within the require time frame upon the second attempt, he/she will be disqualified. Practice sessions may be available with the Academy Staff prior to the orientation.

After the PAT, candidates are required to participate in additional physical assessment events. The following events will help assess each candidate's physical fitness readiness to participate in the Long Beach Police Academy Physical Training Program:

- Take a grip strength test.
 - Trigger Pull – Must pull the trigger of a revolver six times, single-handed, with both right and left hand.
 - Perform as many push-ups as able up to 40.
 - A timed one and a half mile run on a flat, out and back course. **Applicants who do not complete the run in less than 17 minutes will be automatically disqualified.**
- Do not wait until you are in the testing process to begin a physical fitness program.

At the successful conclusion of the orientation, applicants will be scheduled for the next steps in the selection process.

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

Candidates successfully completing the required Physical Ability Test will advance to a thorough background investigation, which includes background assessment interviews, polygraph examination, and psychological evaluation. Results are forwarded to the Police Department's Selection Committee for final selection and medical examination.

Background Assessment Interview

The Background Assessment Interview (BAI) is conducted by Background Investigators. The investigators review the applicant's Personal History Statement (PHS) as well as all other required documents prior to the interview. Applicants are given an opportunity to explain areas of concern and it is expected that applicants will be candid and honest with their investigators during this interview and at all stages of the selection process. All information gathered during the BAI will be checked and verified during other stages of the background investigation.

Background Investigation

The Long Beach Police Department conducts an extensive and comprehensive background investigation on police recruit applicants in compliance with the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). Applicants will take a polygraph and have a fingerprint examination done. The polygraph examiner and background investigation will make inquiries into areas including, but not limited to, illegal activity, recent or prolonged involvement with illegal drugs and other possible unlawful behavior. Other areas that will be investigated include:

- Personal: Name, aliases, birth date, social security number, tattoos, citizenship, etc. Relatives and acquaintances will be contacted regarding your suitability to be a police officer.
- Education: High School, college, trade school, and any other sources of diplomas, certificates and degrees received, or in progress, will be verified through sealed official transcripts.
- Residences: Residences for the last 10 years will be verified.
- Employment: All employment history, including part time and voluntary jobs, will be verified and inquiries will be made with current and past employers and co-workers.
- Military Service: Registration with the Selection Service System will be verified. Military Service Records will be evaluated, if applicable.
- Financial: Inquiries relative to responsibility, dependability, maturity, and liability as these related to meeting financial obligations will be evaluated. You will be required to submit a sealed Experian® Credit Profile as part of your required documentation.
- Legal: Criminal inquiries will be made at the local, state, national, and if necessary, international level. Investigation will be made into all possible and actual criminal conduct. Arrests and convictions will be evaluated on a case by case basis (a misdemeanor conviction in and of itself is not necessarily a disqualifying factor).
- Motor Vehicle Operation: Behavior as it relates to driving ability and judgment will be reviewed, as well as, verification of required automobile insurance.

Oral Interview

The oral interview panel consists of one Long Beach Police Officer and one community member. Several structured questions will be posed to each applicant. The questions are designed to evaluate the applicant's knowledge of relevant topics and assess their communication skills. The better prepared applicant will have a good working knowledge of the City of Long Beach, its rich diversity, and the many events and attractions that make Long Beach great.

PRE-EMPLOYMENT PSYCHOLOGICAL SCREENING

Candidates will be required to pass a psychological screening designed specifically for the position of Police Recruit.

Selection Standards

POST sets the minimum standards for peace officers in the State of California. POST guidelines provide the following five (5) major categories that the Long Beach Police Department consider during the hiring process:

- Moral Character: Integrity, Impulse Control/Attention to Safety, Substance Abuse and Other Risk Taking Behavior.
- Handling Stress and Adversity: Stress Tolerance as well as Confronting and Overcoming Problems, Obstacles, and Adversity.
- Work Habits: Conscientiousness, Dependability, and Attention to Detail.
- Interactions with Others: Interpersonal Skills and Teamwork.
- Intellectually-Based Abilities: Decision Making and Judgment, Learning Ability, and Communication Skills

Selection Committee

Applicants who complete all aspects of the background investigation phase of the hiring process are presented for selection to the Selection Committee of the Long Beach Police Department.

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